

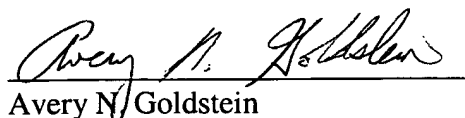
REMARKS

Applicant submits that new independent claim 20 and those claims that depend therefrom are patentably distinct over the prior art on the basis of "a first tactile feature integrally formed on the plane of the first sidewall; and a second tactile feature integrally formed both on the plane and along the first edge of the first sidewall." A visual embodiment of such a key cover is found in the upper left-hand corner of new Figure 4. Such a dual tactile feature system is submitted to nowhere be found in the prior art. Additionally, in contrast to key covers disclosed in DM/059 931, the inventive tactile features are "integrally formed" with a key cover and not appliques applied afterwards. As a result, Applicant submits that new claims 20-23 are patentable over the prior art.

New independent claim 24 recites as a point of novelty "a tactile feature formed on the plane of the first sidewall [of the key cover adapted to receive a key], the tactile feature being selected from the group consisting of: paint, resin, enamel and an inlay." It is Applicant's position that the prior art of record is to teach a key cover having any of the finish elements recited within the Markush group of claim 24. As such, consideration and allowance of new claim 24 is respectfully requested.

Entry of this amendment and consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Appended hereto are replacement drawing sheets 1/2 and 2/2 corresponding to Figures 1-3 and Figure 4, respectively. In compliance with 37 CFR 1.121, sheet 2/2 has now been properly labeled as "New Sheet".

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